



National Marine Fisheries Service
Highly Migratory Species Division

**Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update
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The 2000 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2000, and ends May 31, 2001.

As of August 31, 2000, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** 1,007,242 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 48% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. NMFS estimates that 1,108,072 lbs dw remains from the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period and will be reallocated at a later time, subject to late reporting.
- S** 6,462 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 1.0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 654,918 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.

As of August 31, 2000, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S** 0 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 637,129 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.

The final swordfish quota figures for the 2000 fishing season will be approved by the end of this summer.